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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 31, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action in the above-identified application that was mailed to applicants' attorney on December 31, 2002. A response to the December 31, 2002 Action was due on March 31, 2003. Submitted with this Amendment is a Petition for a Extension of Time requesting that the allowable period for responding to the Action be extended by one (1) month so that it does not expire until April 30, 2003. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the application as amended.

Please amend the above-identified application as provided below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 17 to 20 without prejudice to applicants right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a later filed divisional or continuational application.

Please amend claim 1 as follows: